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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS

FROM: [redacted]
Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - July 1985

I. GENERAL

The 1985 bureau staff turnover was virtually completed during July, with Bureau Chief [redacted] arriving 22 July. Chief Editor [redacted] departed 14 July after orienting [redacted] who arrived with family on 10 July. Senior editor [redacted] arrived on 29 July to replace long-gone [redacted] Administrative Officer [redacted] departed 28 July for a domestic assignment after a week's overlap with [redacted] who arrived on 21 July with his family from Khartoum and home leave. The turnover will end in October when [redacted] arrives from Gulf Bureau to replace Bureau Engineer [redacted] slated for a Headquarters Engineering Division assignment.

Efforts to improve FBIS monitoring of Philippines radios made little headway in July. A planned cruising survey of Ishigaki Island was put on hold because of Japanese Foreign Ministry sensitivity. The focus again shifted to the possibility of using commercial telephone feeds from Manila to Hong Kong. Meanwhile, Hong Kong reported reception of Philippines radios is deteriorating.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

✓ 1. Russian trainee [redacted] will resign 17 August, and monitor [redacted] plans to resign next January, which will reduce the Russian team to two, unless replacements are hired before then. We still have six candidates from Deputy Chief [redacted] recruiting trip to Australia last January and will be seeking to hire two of them as soon as possible.

2. Japanese television monitoring continued to provide urgent material of major significance for Headquarters and lateral consumers. Intense

STAT [] interest in the 30 July press conference on Japan's "Action Program" to reduce tariff barriers, held by Prime Minister Nakasone and other high officials, led to extraordinary coverage and extra late night hours for Japanese Unit chief [] and senior monitor []. A 7,000-word text, used in full on the FBIS Wire, drew "much appreciation" from the BBC and "nice handling" from C/Ops. Detailed KYODO reports and supplementary coverage also were provided by the bureau. NHK TV carried "exclusive interviews" with French President Mitterrand, Poland's Wojciech Jaruzelski and Japanese Foreign Minister Abe earlier in July. All NHK tapes go by DHL courier service to MOD.

3. Moscow TV coverage also yielded a few nuggets in July, including a two-hour beat of BBC's coverage of the 2 July Supreme Soviet session at which Andrey Gromyko was named USSR President or chairman of the Supreme Soviet. A lengthy editorial report was filed before the first scheduled BBC western satellite coverage. Apparently early or unique comments on the U.S.-Soviet Geneva arms talks and U.S. ambassador replacements were also filed. Repeated requests for numerous Moscow videocassettes from the 500th MI Group in Camp Zama, Japan, beyond original understandings, opened an exchange with Headquarters over how much local lateral consumers should be serviced.

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STAT 4. A comprehensive, updated monitor training guidelines memorandum was drafted by Chief Monitor [] in coordination with departing Chief Editor [] and the acting Chief, and issued 15 July. The guidelines specify duties, levels of achievement expected at each training phase, and how evaluations will be documented. The bureau expects an increase in monitor replacement over the next few years as aging monitors retire.

5. The major Chinese monitoring event was PRC President Li Xiannian's U.S. and Canadian visits the last three weeks of the month, which reflected an all-out media effort by Beijing to cover every detail, from Li's meetings with President Reagan down to his tour of Disneyland's Great Wall. Vice Premier Yao Yilin's USSR visit 9-16 July also taxed Chinese monitorial strength, reduced by summer EOT leave, as did the continuing reorganization and personnel shakeups in PRC provinces and the PLA.

B. Coverage

On 1 August the bureau dropped regular coverage of four anti-PRC clandestine Chinese-language radios unheard since 10 June--"Voice of the PLA, Radio Spark, Radio October Storm" and "Contingent of Proletarian Fighters." Rechecks will be continued by cruising weekly.

C. Cruising

Bureau cruisers on 29-31 July intercepted satellite television from "Shanghai Hong Qiao Ground Station" on the 57 East INTELSAT. The programming appeared to parallel known or expected Beijing TV transmissions. Beijing had indicated in late June it would temporarily expand domestic satellite TV broadcasting by using Indian and Pacific Ocean INTELSAT birds. OW is coordinating with Hong Kong Bureau to determine how the new transmissions line up with known Beijing TV, including late-night program previews carried on the 57E INTELSAT. The bureau was unable to confirm whether the 60 East INTELSAT facsimile transmissions are the new overseas edition of Renmin Ribao which was to start on

1 July. Followup checks will be made after we receive our new facsimile dry processor, scheduled for delivery in October.

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Regional cruising monitor [] TDYed to Seoul Bureau 19-26 July to provide advanced training to Seoul's Korean monitor [], who was assigned the task of updating Soviet Far East Russian regionals, Seoul domestic, Pyongyang internationals, and northeastern China regional transmitters this fall.

III. ADMINISTRATION/LOGISTICS

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1. The bureau passed to the Okinawa Area Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a \$320,000 check to cover the architecture and engineering studies for the bureau's eight-year housing recapitalization project. New arrivals [] visited the engineering office for introductions and project scheduling discussions.

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2. Several bureau nonstaff employees were promoted in July: Chinese senior monitor [] was promoted to FBN-11 shift supervisor, Vietnamese monitor [] to FBN-10 senior monitor, [] to associate editor FBN-10, and trainee Chinese monitors [] to FBN-8. Monitor [] resigned from FBIS effective 20 July to resume graduate-level studies at the University of Missouri journalism school.

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3. Japanese/Korean senior monitor [] who has been with the bureau since 17 November 1957, notified his intent to retire effective 31 March 1986, shortly after he will be 66.

4. Typhoon Jeff, the third to come "up the alley" so far this summer, passed 90 miles south of Okinawa on 28 July but brought only rains and moderately high winds, with no effect on bureau operations, bus runs, or arrivals and departures. Ground was broken for the new Naha International Airport in late July, to replace the present 34-year-old facility by July 1986, at a cost of \$6.3 million. Okinawa already gets more than two million visitors yearly.

IV. ENGINEERING

1. U.S. Air Force in July replaced the second rhombic antenna curtain this fiscal year. Engineering staff began staking and field work to plan access roads for continuing the antenna renovation project with year-end bureau funds and in FY-86.

2. The skeletal remains of one adult and two children were discovered by contract surveyors in a coral rock cave just outside the bureau's operations fence in July, while surveyors were checking utilities and fence lines. The remains--perhaps from 40 years ago at the end of World War II--were turned over to Yomitan Village officials responsible for such matters.

3. MOD advised OW that the April modifications to the bureau satellite TV demodulator to resolve an old "pulse width modulation" problem with certain Moscow TV signals had "greatly improved" MOD-converted videocassettes, with better video and audio.

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4. C/Engineer [] and Logs Officer [] completed an inventory of all Class II property, incorporating a Federal Supply Classification code for each item in the bureau's Lotus computer files.

5. The possibility of future EMI problems for Torii Station and perhaps FBIS was raised by news reports that the Okinawa Development Agency had approved the construction of a large softball stadium in Yomitan Village. The area is the old Yomitan Airfield of the Japanese Imperial Air Force. The project, scheduled for completion in 1987, still needs approval from Japan's Defense Facilities Administration Agency. The project has the backing of Yomitan's mayor.

V. VISITORS

To the bureau:

STAT Seoul Bureau's communications supervisor, 10-11 July for orientation and consultation.

From the bureau:

STAT Regional Engineer 9-15 July, to Hong Kong Bureau for regular technical support.

STAT Regional Cruising Officer 19-26 July, to Seoul Bureau for cruiser training purposes.

STAT New bureau chief and deputy chief, for courtesy calls, to 18th Combat Support Wing CO Col. Lazorchak, 313th Air Division Commander Brig. Gen. Snyder and Vice Commander Col. Wise, 25 July; to Lt. Col. Chris Tragakis, USFJ Okinawa Area Office Secretary, 26 July; to DOD Special Representative Charles Gibson, Torii Station, and Capt. Dan Currie, Commander, U.S. Naval Security Group, Hanza, 1 August; to Consul General Featherstone and new Consul Frank Davenport, Naha, and to Okinawa Area Office, Corps of Engineers, 31 July; bureau chief and Mrs. to U.S. Navy Hospital Camp Lester command change ceremony, 30 July, where Capt. Steven A. Muller assumed command from Capt. Theodore D. Gross.

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Chief, Okinawa Bureau

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 1,225,220
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 487,380
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 3,631

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	19,895 min.	39,860 min.	175.02 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
 French

540

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	590
Beijing International Service to North America in English	3,130
Beijing International Service in Japanese	420
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	1,790
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	5,980
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	4,540
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	10,930
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	6,350
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,480
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,470
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	14,840
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,440
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	12,500

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing XINHUA in English		473,580	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		164,900	
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			20,840
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			3,300
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			22,460
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			9,960
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,040
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			830
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin	660		
(Clandestine) Voice of the PLA to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Radio Spark to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Radio October Storm to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Contingent of Proletarian Fighters to China in Mandarin	---		
JAPAN			
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	11,130		
Tokyo JPS in English		1,910	
Tokyo KYODO in English		163,200	
Tokyo JIJI in English		10,230	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			3,140
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,910
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			10,400
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			7,800
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			11,480

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,250
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			13,590
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,770
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			20,050
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			6,760
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,590
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			1,390
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			---
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		560	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		15,310	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		9,530	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	3,470		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	1,170		
Taipei CNA in English		20,140	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			4,590
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			1,410
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei LIEN HO YUEH KAN in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	4,060		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	410		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	10,490		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	4,450		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	1,170		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	1,230		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	15,520		
 VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	10,820		
Hanoi VNA in English		76,450	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		---	